

TITLE: OVERFLOW ASSEMBLY FOR BATHTUBS AND THE LIKE

5 CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

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BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

In new building construction, the plumbers prefer not to put the finished closure valves in the bottom of tubs, or
15 the finished decorative plate over the overflow outlet at the end, of the tub until the project is finished because these elements will be often damaged as the construction project is brought to a close. Further, the piping for both of the outlets needs to be checked for leaks before the
20 inspection process is completed. The test involves running water down the vent for the drain until it reaches a level above the tub and the tester then determines whether any of the piping leaks. Thus, when the testing operation arrives, a plug is put in the bottom drain of the tub and some sort
25 of seal plate is placed at the end of the tub on the overflow outlet.

Existing overflow plates have a center opening therein. There are either two or four small screw holes in the plate adjacent the center opening wherein two of the holes are
30 used to hold the plate to the plumbing fixture. In some cases there is a fitting so that the screw hole is located directly in the middle of the access hole. In that case, that hole is in the way when the testing procedure is implemented. In any event, the testing procedure usually